

In the Specification

Please insert on page 1 between the title of the application and the first paragraph the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is filed under the provisions of 35 USC §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/DE99/01711 filed June 8, 1999, which in turn claims priority of German Patent Application No. 198 25 620.5 filed June 8, 1998.

REMARKS

Applicants claimed priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/DE99/01711 and German Patent Application No. 198 25 620.5 at the time of filing the above-identified international application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as evidenced by the enclosed filing receipt wherein the USPTO recognizes the claim to priority of the earlier filed applications.

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